THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): As compared to the corresponding period of the preceding year 1992-93, there has been increase of Rs. 502.73 crores in total revenue earnings which includes increase of Rs. 124.80 crores in passenger earnings. However, with reference to the proportionate target of first quarter of the current financial year 1993-94, there has been a shortfall of Rs. 232.13 crores in revenue earnings. The shortfall in revenue earnings mainly relates to Goods traffic and is attributable to less offering of traffic from the core sectors. There is also drop in passenger earnings compared to targets which is mainly due to anticipated growth not materialising.

Construction of Dimapur Railway Station

4120. SHRI VIZOL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Dimapur Railway Station was constructed by Britishers during pre-independence days;

(b) if so, the year of its construction with details of facilities provided at that time;

(c) whether it is a fact that no extension of these facilities has been made since then although traffic has increased many folds;

(d) whether Government propose to take some action in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details in this regard are not readily available.

(c) to (e) The facilities at this station have been augmented whenever so warranted by growth in passenger traffic. Recently, renovation/face lifting of the station building has been completed at a cost of Rs. 15.77 lakh.

Checking of Attendance in Rail Bhavan

4121. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that attendance checks in Rail Bhavan have been conducted every week during January to July, 1993;

(b) if so, the details thereof date-wise and month-wise;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a list of late-comers has been sent to administrative Unit conducting such checks every week during the period January to July, 1993;

(d) if so, the details of late-comers category-wise during each month;

(e) whether such checks have not been conducted in rooms occupied by Stenographers, Private Secretaries, officers and staff of Board Members;

(f) whether Department of Personnel have laid down some guidelines for such exception in such checks;

(g) whether no such checks have been conducted at the departure time in Rail Bhavan during January to July, 1993;

(h) whethr it is also a fact that no such checks have been conducted at Railway Station and other public dealing places under the Indian Railways during January to July, 1993 to ensure punctuality amongst staff; and

(i) if so, the reasons therefor separately for (e) to (h)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Details of attendance checks conducted in Rail Bhavan during January to July, 1993 are as under:—

Date of checks	*No. of absentees/late-comers/early-goers*
7-1-1993	27
13-1-1993	6
15-1-1993	31
18-1-1993	76
21-1-1993	71
3-2-1993	13
9-2-1993	10
15-2-1993	22
17-2-1993	22
19-2-1993	7
10-3-1993	26
30-3-1993	35
22-4-1993	30
28-4-1993	118
11-5-1993	29
13-5-1993	49
20-5-1993	18

21-5-1993	56
26-5-1993	103
1-6-1993	44
10-6-1993	54
15-6-1993	81
7-7-1993	13
8-7-1993	19
9-7-1993	25
14-7-1993	9
15-7-1993	17
26-7-1993	20

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Category-wise details are not maintained.

(e) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) and (b).

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) and (b).

(h) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(i) Does not arise in respect of (e), (f) and (g).

Corrupt practice in railway reservation

4122. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL
alias MEEM AFZAL :
SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI :
Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in 'Nav Bharat Times' dated 3rd August 1993 captioned as Computer Arakshan Me bhi Dalalon Ki Chalti Hai ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to Control such corrupt practice in Railway reservation and how soon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes, Sir. The news item was regarding nuisance of touts/unauthorised agents in the sale of reservation tickets in Delhi area.

(b) To provide easy accessibility to the passengers in Delhi area, over 200 computer terminals have been provided at different locations from where tickets can be purchased easily and promptly. Since unauthorised agents book reservation in fake names enabling travel on transferred tickets which is unlawful, frequent checks are being made on trains. At reservation centers also, raids are made with the help of GRP and RPF against them as they are outsiders and not railway employees. Through the Media and Public Address system, public are also advised not to buy tickets from such agents. To discourage the illegal business of touts/unauthorised agents, in the last six months, 1041 touts were apprehended in the frequent raids at the reservation centers (including 30 in Delhi area) and 4612 transferred tickets were seized in the extensive checks on trains (including 1186 on Northern Railway).

Zonal Railway User's Consultative Committee

4123. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of meetings held so far by the Zonal Railway User's Consultative Committee (ZRUCC) of the N.F. Railway currently functioning; meeting-wise details along with the recommendations made by its members, member-wise details and those implemented/likely to be implemented by Government;

(b) the details of the amounts of Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance admissible at present to the said ZRUCC members for each meeting attended; and

(c) the details of the amounts of Travelling Allowance and Daily Allowance paid to each of the said members so fer during their current tenure member-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Two meetings of the Zonal Railway Users' Consultative Committee, N.F. Railway have been held on 2-11-92 and 22-2-93 so far. Having regard to large number of members, such details will be voluminous and involve considerable time. However, the total number of suggestions made by the Members were 155 out of which 69 suggestions are implemented/likely to be implemented.

(b) The TA/DA admissible is as under :—

I. *Non Official Members (other than MPs and Members of State Legislatures)* :—

(i) A free First Class pass from the Railway station nearest to the Member's place of